

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/016,193	ASHIDA ET AL.	
	Examiner Cheryl Lewis	Art Unit 2167	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to the applicants' communication received on July 8, 2004.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
- The drawings filed on 05 August 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - All
  - Some\*
  - None
 of the:
  - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/994,951.
  - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

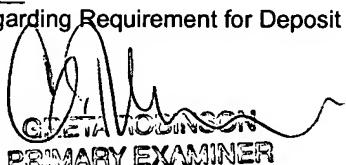
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

- A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 7/8/04
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
CHERYL LEWIS  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

  
Cheryl Lewis  
Patent Examiner

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

2. The information disclosure statements filed on July 7, 2004, complies with the provisions of MPEP § 609. They have been placed in the application file, and the information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach the following limitation: 'generating a multidimensional database based upon the characteristic rules, the data and the data definition information, the multidimensional database being organized based upon conclusion items and condition items of the characteristic rules, the conclusion items specifying an analysis dimension, the condition items specifying a key dimension; selecting one of the characteristic rules via a predetermined user-interface; selecting one of the speculation models while reviewing the extracted and selected segment via the predetermined user-interface' and similarly recited in independent claims 4, 8, 11, 15, and 18.

The remaining claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 17, and 19-21 comprise dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

The examiner agrees with the applicants' remarks, filed on July 8, 2004, page 14 lines 12-28; page 15 lines 6-17 and 26-29; page 16 lines 6-31; page 17 lines 6-31; and page 18 lines 6-12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### NAME OF CONTACT

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

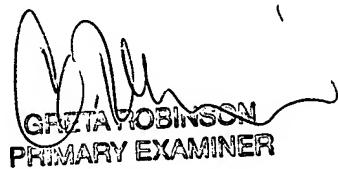
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 or (703) 305-9731.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/ Technology Center (571) 272-2100.



Cheryl Lewis  
Patent Examiner  
December 2, 2004



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